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SUBJ: INDIA RECOGNIZES THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

1. INDIA RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN JULY 19. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID "WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE FURTHERING OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN". A SPOKESMAN COMMENTED "WE BOTH BELONG TO THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF NATIONS AND OUR VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS ARE SILILAR OR IDENTICAL".

2. THE INDIAN PRESS HAS BEEN AMBIVALENT IN ASSESSING THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WHILE EXPRESSING CAUTIOUS HOPE THAT THE REPUBLIC WILL BETTER THE LOT OF THE AVERAGE MAN, EDITORIALS CAST SOME DOUBT ON THE PROSPECTS. LEFTIST PATRIOT WROTE ON JULY 18 (BEFORE USSR RECOGNITION) "WHETHER THE NEW REGIME...WILL BE ABLE TO DO ANY BETTER THAN KING ZAHIR SHAH WILL HAVE TO BE SEEN".

3. MOST MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATIONS ON WHICH TO BASE ANALYSES AND ARE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THEIR MISSIONS IN KABUL. IRANIAN CHARGE NOTED IMPORTANCE TO IRAN OF IMPLEMENTATION OF HELMAND RIVER AGREEMENT, THE NEGOTIATION WHICH SYMBOLIZED IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN IN RECENT YEARS. BANGLADESH HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIAL HOPED NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF BENGALIS OUT OF PAKISTAN. ROK CONSUL CALLED TO ASK STATUS OF US "STUDY" OF RECOGNITION QUESTION. HIS CONCERN IS TO ADVISE SEOUL ON TIMING OF ROK RECOGNITION SO THAT IT WILL FOLLOW THE TREND BUT PRECEDE RECOGNITION BY PYONGYONG. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO NOTIFY HIM WHEN US DECISION MADE.

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